

HOUSE BILL 771

By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-515, relative to emergency service personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-515, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) It is an offense for a person to knowingly activate and point a laser pointer or other device utilizing a laser beam at an individual known to be a law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, or other emergency service personnel, while the individual is in the performance of his or her official duties, with the intent to place such individual in fear of serious bodily injury or death.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-515(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "The law enforcement officer", and by substituting instead the language "The law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, or other emergency service personnel".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.